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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. I think the Cable would be improved and the Agency's position strengthened and paragraphs 2 and 4 be made consistent, if in paragraph 4, the following is done:

Par. 4, line 1, delete first sentence "As you well know" etc.

Par. 4, line 8 from top, delete so much as reads: "Generally and specifically object to certain items on security grounds"

Par. 4, line 11 from top, delete "While"

Par. 4, lines 12, 13, and 14 from top, delete: "Recognize we have no power to force this and that McCarger obviously committed to publication. Aim, therefore, is to reach accommodation on points of most concern. Even then believe"...

2. Paragraph 2 is definite, firm, accurate. We are opposed to the book. McCarger knows he violated oath made at time of employment and at time of termination of employment when he wrote the book. ✓

3. Paragraph 4 is inconsistent with Paragraph 2 and offers a compromise. We are offering to let him publish if he will change some parts of the book and we tell him we have no power to force him to withdraw the book, even though a censored book will "have an unfortunate effect and provide propaganda material for the opposition."

4. I believe CIA should not admit it can't enforce security agreements with former employees, particularly those in clandestine services.

5. I further believe that since the book, even after censorship, "will have an unfortunate effect and provide propaganda material for opposition" that our position should be to hold our stand that he withdraw the book. If he doesn't and the book is printed, he will have done little more damage than if we indirectly give approval by in fact clearing a revised manuscript for publication. We are against the book, and should not weaken our stand by compromise which in reality means we are approving that which later will appear in print.

6. It is not known to me how many people already have seen the MSS. We do not know to what publishers Brandt and Brandt submitted it, nor how many other agents and others may have seen it.

7. Since McCarger has high regard for ☐ ☐ it seems important that ☐ ☐ report McCarger's reactions to a CIA firm stand, with any offer McCarger may make for an accommodation, rather than CIA in its initial action, offering an idea of a compromise.

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